

As a homeowner I find ALL tele-marketing calls to be annoying and frustrating. I am tired of receiving calls at all hours of the day and night - sometimes as many as 5 a day. I am so frustrated with these annoying phone calls that I had my local phone company (Verizon) install their "Call Intercept" product several months ago. It has cut the amount of calls I get dramatically, however, some still slip through onto my voice mail in spite of the fact that I specifically state on my voice mail greeting not to leave any messages if you are a tele-marketer.

I also find telemarketing tactics to be sneaky and unethical (and downright illegal in my opinion). ALL tele-marketers should be required to have their name and phone number appear on all caller-id consoles. If you were a person ringing my doorbell I certainly would not let you enter my home without knowing who you are. Tele-marketers should not be treated any differently. They are essentially a stranger coming into my home. As others have indicated before, even if it were a product I was interested in, I still would not purchase it from a tele-marketer.

In closing just want to add that I feel the practice of telemarketing should be made illegal. I hope that the federal government will see fit to propose legislation making it a crime.